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SUMMARY. ON DECEMBER 28 IN FEIRA DE SANTANA (CITY OF 200,000,65 MILES FROM SALVADOR) CONSUL PRESENTED ANTONIO ALBERTINO CARNEIRO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MOVEMENT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (MOC), WITH AID'S BICENTENNIAL MEDAL. EVENING CEREMONY HELD IN LOCAL AUDITORIUM WAS ATTENDED BY 125 PEOPLE INCLUDING PRESENT MAYOR, BISHOP OF FEIRA, AND THE MAYOR ELECT. CONSUL DESCRIBED IDEA BEHIND AID MEDAL AND REASONS FOR SELECTING MR. CARNEIRO AND MOC WITH REFERENCE TO ACTIVITIES VISITED BY CONSUL. MEDAL RECIPIENT, MAYOR, AND BISHOP FOLLOWED WITH SPEECHES IN WHICH IDEALS, SPIRIT AND ACTIVITIES OF MOC WERE DESCRIBED AND WARM THANKS EXPRESSED TO AID AND USG. EVENT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN FEIRA AND SALVADOR WITH, FOR EXAMPLE, LEADING
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PAPER OF BAHIA -A TARDE-, PUBLISHING FULL TEXT OF CONSUL'S SPEECH. IN RESPONSE TO REF'S (B) AND (C) COPIES OF PRESS REPORTS AND OF SPEECHES BY CONSUL AND MR. CARNEIRO ARE BEING POUCHED.
END. SUMMARY.

1. CONSUL PRESENTED ANTONIO ALBERTINO CARNEIRO WITH AID'S

BICENTENNIAL MEDAL IN DECEMBER 28 IN FEIRA DE SANTANA. EVENING CEREMONY WAS HELD IN AUDITORIUM OF MUNICIPAL LIBRARY WITH 125 PEOPLE PRESENT INCLUDING THE PRESENT MAYOR (JOSE FALCAO DA SILVA), THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF FEIRA DE SANTANA (DOM SILVERIO ALBUQUERQUE) AND THE MAYOR ELECT (COLBERT MARTINS).

2. AFTER INTRODUCTION BY PRESIDENTE OF THE MOVEMENT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (MOC), CONSUL GAVE APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTE PRESENTATION DESCRIBING IDEA OF AID'S BICENTENNIAL MEDAL AND THE REASONS FOR THE SELECTION OF MR. CARNEIRO AND HIS ORGANIZATION. SPEECH MADE REFERENCE TO SEVERAL OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY MOC WHICH CONSUL VISITED WITH MOC OFFICIALS DURING DAY PRIOR TO PRESENTATION. CONSUL CITED MOC ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY FARM PROJECTS, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND STIMULATE COMMUNITY AWARENESS IN AREAS OF FARMING, HEALTH, AND NUTRITION. IT WAS NOTED THAT AS MOC'S CREATION AND CONTINUED SUPPORT COMES FROM PRIVATE SOURCES INCLUDING BOTH CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT GROUPS, IT IS GOOD EXAMPLE OF ECUMENISM AT WORK.

3. MR. CARNEIRO RESPONDED WITH A STATEMENT OF HIS WISH TO SHARE THE MEDAL WITH ALL MEMBERS OF MOC, WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE SPIRIT, AND IDEALS, MOC, AND WITH A STATEMENT, NOT CONTAINED IN HIS PREPARED REMARKS, ABOUT THE INABILITY OF GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH OR BECOME CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF THE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF THE POOREST CLASSES IN SOCIETY AND THE SEVERE NEED OF THESE CLASSES FOR HELP AND GUIDANCE. COPIES OF BASIC SPEECHES OF MR. CARNEIRO AND CONSUL ARE BEING POUCHED.

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4. MAYOR AND BISHOP FOLLOWED WITH SPEECHES PRAISING MOC FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK, COMMENTING ON THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION MOC IS RECEIVING FROM OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY, AND THANKING USG FOR BESTOWING THE HONOR ON FEIRA DE SANTANA ORGANIZATION.

5. THROUGHOUT VISIT TO MOC HEADQUARTERS, FAVELA ORGANIZATION PROJECTS, AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN AND LONG INTERVIEW GIVEN TO LOCAL RADIO STATION. IN RESPONSE TO REF (B) AND REF (C) REQUESTS FOR PRESS REPORTS AND PHOTOS, PRESS CLIPPINGS ARE BEING POUCHED. DAY FOLLOWING PRESENTATION, BAHIA'S LEADING NEWSPAPER, -A TARDE-, REPORTED CEREMONY AND PRINTED CONSUL'S ENTIRE SPEECH.

6. DURING VISIT TO AREAS OF MOC ACTIVITIES AROUND FEIRA, CONSUL WAS ALSO TAKEN TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SERVICE OF INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS (SIM). THIS IS A TRULY IMPRESSIVE ORGANIZATION. ORGANIZED, MANAGED, AND FUNDED BY PRIVATE SOURCES

IT PROVIDES LODGING, FOOD, ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DOCUMENTS,
AND TRAINING DURING PERIOD OF 30 TO 60 DAYS FOR MIGRANTS
ARRIVING IN FEIRA WITHOUT FUNDS OR WORK. ACCORDING TO SIM
OFFICIALS OVER 90 PERCENT OF GRADUATES OF SHORT TERM
PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN PLACED BY SIM IN JOBS IN FEIRA. SIM
REPRESENTATIVES STATION AT BUS STATION LOCATE THOSE IN
NEED. IF AID IS CONSIDERING GIVING FUTURE AWARDS TO PRIVATE
ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, SIM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE RECIPIENT.
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